

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:
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3 **ORDINANCE 2024-364**

4 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AVAILABLE ALL YEARS
5 REVENUE AND REALLOCATING THE REMAINING BALANCE
6 FROM COMPLETED PROJECTS WITHIN THE NORTHWEST
7 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND AS FOLLOWS: (1)
8 \$200,000.00 TO THE FAILING NON-RESIDENTIAL
9 SEPTIC TANK REPAIR/REPLACEMENT AND SEWER
10 CONNECTION PROGRAM (THE "SEPTIC TANK PROGRAM"),
11 COMPRISED OF \$80,250.00 FROM COMPLETED PROJECTS
12 AND \$119,750.00 FROM ALL YEARS REVENUE, (2)
13 \$5,767.00 FROM ALL YEARS REVENUE TO THE MOBILE
14 MARKETS PROGRAM, AND (3) \$665,650.26 FROM ALL
15 YEARS REVENUE TO THE NORTHWEST JEDC FUND
16 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT, AND CLEANING UP FUND BALANCE
17 APPROPRIATIONS IN THE ALL YEARS FUND, AS
18 INITIATED BY B.T. 24-087; AMENDING THE SEPTIC
19 TANK PROGRAM GRANT PROCESS; AUTHORIZING THE
20 GENERAL COUNSEL TO PREPARE AN AGREEMENT IN
21 ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMENDED SEPTIC TANK PROGRAM
22 GRANT PROCESS; PROVIDING FOR CITY OVERSIGHT OF
23 THE SEPTIC TANK PROGRAM AND GRANT PROCESS BY THE
24 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE OFFICE OF
25 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
26 DATE.

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28 **WHEREAS**, in order to protect the environment and ensure that
29 wastewater is treated properly, installing a proper septic system
30 from the onset is crucial; and

31 **WHEREAS**, to aid with the cost, as well as promoting

1 environmentally secure septic systems while awaiting public sewer, a
2 number of government, state and local agencies offer grants to help
3 install new septic systems or repair existing ones; and

4 **WHEREAS**, grant money is awarded for specific need, in this case
5 to install or improve septic systems and sewer connections, and
6 progress will likely need to be monitored and recorded for the grants;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, eligible projects may include repair or replacement of
9 septic tanks and drain fields and connection to sewer for businesses
10 whose systems are in failure as determined by septic tank contractors,
11 certified plumbers or by other qualified persons as per subsection
12 64E-6.004(3), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.); and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development
14 ("NWJED") funds are intended to improve the economy within the area
15 boundaries; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the lack of infrastructure and strategic planning to
17 provide infrastructure causes businesses to move outside of the area,
18 thereby depleting the economy of the area; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Council in Ordinance 2018-196-E enacted a grant
20 process and established criteria for the Northwest Jacksonville
21 Economic Development area entitled the "Failing Non-residential
22 Septic Grant Process" which process was subsequently amended by
23 Ordinance 2021-385-E and which set forth certain grant criteria and
24 maximum grant amounts; now therefore

25 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

26 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2023-2024 fiscal year,
27 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the indicated
28 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
29 listed in subsection (b):

30 (B.T. 24-087 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated
31 herein by this reference)

1 (a) Appropriated from:

2 See B.T. 24-087 \$871,417.26

3 (b) Appropriated to:

4 See B.T. 24-087 \$871,417.26

5 (c) Explanation of Appropriation: the appropriation above is
6 appropriating available all years revenue balance and reallocating
7 the balance from completed projects within the Northwest Economic
8 Development Fund, as follows: (1) \$200,000.00 to the Septic Tank and
9 Sewer Connection - Miscellaenous Grants and Aids account, comprised
10 of \$80,250.00 from completed projects and \$119.750.00 from all years
11 revenue, (2) \$5,767.00 from all years revenue to the Mobile Markets
12 Program - Contingency account, and (3) \$665,650.26 from all years
13 revenue to the Northwest JEDC Fund - Contingency account. This
14 appropriation also removes the fund balance appropriations in the all
15 years fund.

16 **Section 2. Purpose of Appropriation.** The purpose of the
17 appropriation above is to provide funding to various NWJED programs
18 including the Septic Tank Program and allocate all years revenue to
19 contingency.

20 **Section 3. Amending the Grant Process and Amounts.** The
21 amended Septic Tank Program grant process, including amended criteria
22 and increased grant amounts, for the repair and replacement of non
23 residential properties septic tanks and sewer connection are adopted
24 as set forth in the "Failing Non-residential Septic Tank
25 Repair/Replacement and Sewer Connection Program Grant Process"
26 attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**.

27 **Section 4. Authorizing the General Counsel to prepare**
28 **Agreements in accordance with the Failing Non-residential Septic Tank**
29 **Repair/Replacement and Sewer Connection Program Grant Process.** The
30 Office of General Counsel is authorized to prepare agreements between
31 the grant recipients and the City of Jacksonville in compliance with

1 Failing Non-residential Septic Tank Repair/Replacement and Sewer
2 Connection Program Grant Process and the grant criteria contained
3 therein, as set forth in **Exhibit 2**.

4 **Section 5. Bi-Annual Report.** The Office of Economic
5 Development shall continue to make a report bi-annually (twice yearly)
6 to the City Council concerning the use of the NWJED funds for the
7 Septic Tank Program, including the grant recipient, address and amount
8 of the grant and status of the grant for each application.

9 **Section 6. Oversight Department.** The Department of Public
10 Works shall provide oversight for the review of the completed septic
11 tank installation and repair and connection to sewer, if any, and the
12 Office of Economic Development shall provide oversight of the grant
13 application process and Septic Tank Program.

14 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
15 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
16 without the Mayor's signature.

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18 Form Approved:

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20 /s/ Joelle J. Dillard

21 Office of General Counsel

22 Legislation prepared by: Joelle J. Dillard

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